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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR  
SUBJ: NUMBER OF UNFILLED GOQ MINISTRIES CONTINUES TO GROW

1. RECENT DEATH OF AMIR'S BROTHER AND MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SHAYKH JASIM BIN HAMAD AL THANI CAUSED AMIR GREAT DEAL OF PERSONAL GRIEF, WHICH WAS OBVIOUS TO ALL WHO SAW HIM SHORTLY AFTER HIS BROTHER'S DEATH. ALTHOUGH PERSONAL ASPECT OF JASIM'S DEATH WAS SOURCE OF GRIEF FOR AMIR, THERE IS POLITICAL SIDE TO THIS DEATH AND THIS COULD BE EQUALLY AS GRIEVOUS FOR AMIR. JASIM'S DEATH MEANS ANOTHER UNFILLED MINISTRY AT A TIME WHEN AMIR DOES NOT NEED ANOTHER ADDITIONAL UNFILLED POST FOR AL THANIS TO SQUABBLE OVER. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN BUT, JASIM'S DEATH COULD PUSH AMIR INTO CORNER WHERE HE WILL HAVE TO EVENTUALLY MAKE SOME DECISIONS TO FILL VACANT MINISTERIAL SLOTS THAT COULD BE LESS THAN PLEASING TO ALL FACTIONS OF RULING AL THANI FAMILY.

2. SO FAR AMIR, SHAYKH KHALIFA BIN HAMAD AL THANI, HAS STALLED IN NAMING A CROWN PRINCE, AND MINISTERS OF JUSTICE, DEFENSE (ALTHOUGH HIS SON, SHAYKH HAMAD HAS TITLE OF COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF ARMED FORCES) AND NOW EDUCATION. AS MINISTRY OF EDUCATION IS VERY VISABLE BRANCH OF GOQ AND ONE THAT NEEDS TITULAR HEAD,  
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THIS COULD ACT AS CATALYST IN PRODDING AMIR TO FILL THIS

POSITION ASAP AND THEN TO NAME PERSONS FOR OTHERS MENTIONED ABOVE.

3. ONE GOQ SOURCE HERE HAS HINTED THAT AMIR IS INDEED TROUBLED BY THESE UNFILLED POSITIONS, BUT IS AFRAID OF RAMIFICATIONS HIS CHOICE MIGHT HAVE ON HIS OWN RULE, SO HAS DELAYED HIS DECISIONS ON THESE ITEMS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. SAME SOURCE SAID THAT AMIR WOULD BE CONSIDERING THESE PROBLEMS DURING HIS VACATION IN FRANCE AND MIGHT ANNOUNCE HIS DECISION ON THESE ISSUES UPON HIS RETURN TO QATAR OR SHORTLY THEREAFTER.  
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